capital expenditure, understanding with labour and various reliefs and concessions. The measures to improve the management support of BEML include restructuring VIL board of directors, constitution of a management committee consisting of five directors and induction of professionals.

In 1993-94 there has been improvement in the working of VIL, which has earned a small surplus.

Laying of mines by China on Indo-Chinese border

609. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item caption-"China lays mines on Indian border, datelined Washington, Feb. 16" appearring in "The Hindustan Times" New Delhi dated the 17th Febuary, 1995; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter, as per Ministry of Defence's information and measures taken to protect military and strategic targets along the Chinese borders with India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The news report regarding laying of mines by China along Sino-Indian border, is unconfirmed and lacks veracity.

Reserve troops alert by Pakistan

610. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pakistan puts 50.000 reserve troops on alert", appearing in the week-end observer New Delhi dated the 7th January, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter, as gathered by the Ministry; and

(c) the steps taken to protect India,s integrity and sovereignty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) There is no authentic report with the Government about Pakistani Army reservists having been alerted. Perodically some reservists are recalled for refresher training which is a usual practice. Pakistani Army is reported to have described similarly reports appearing in Pakisatni media, as baseless.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments which have a bearing on national security and takes appropriate measures from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

रक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आने वाली सड़कों का रख-रखाव

611. **श्री रामजी लाल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आने वाली कुछ सड़कों की खराब हालत के कारण इस मंत्रालय से संबंधित कार्यों को करने में रुकावटें आ रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो हरियाणा में ऐसी सड़कों की संख्या कितनी है और इनकी मरम्मत तथा सही रख-रखाव का काम कब तक हो जाएगा ;

(ग) रक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत किस विभाग को इन सड़कों के रख-रखाव का कार्य सौंपा गया है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार को हिसार से बादरा (राजस्थान) होकर पीलीबंगा जाने वाली डिफेंस रोड़ की खराब हालत की जानकारी है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस सड़क की मरम्मत कब तक कर दी जाएगी ?